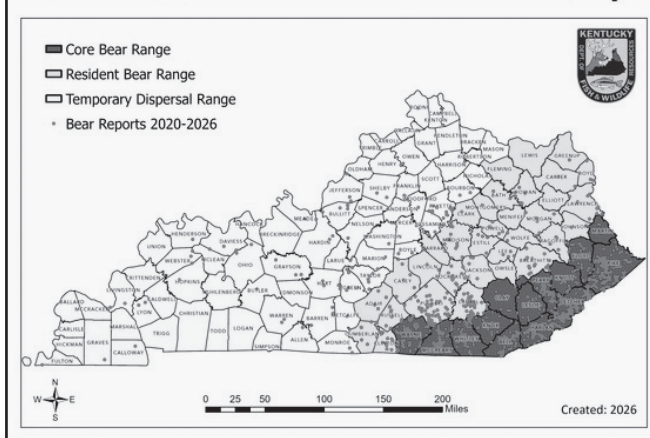


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Sightings of young black bears increase with summer roaming

Black Bear Distribution in Kentucky



Kentucky Fish and Wildlife shares practical information to help understand and live safely with bears

Sightings of black bears have recently been occurring in neighborhoods, backyards, urban areas, and even on dash cams and doorbell cameras in areas of Kentucky not accustomed to seeing many of them. Biologists and game wardens with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources want the public to know that this is normal bear behavior and encourage the public to learn more about Kentucky bears to better understand and live safely with them.

In late spring and early summer, young male black bears get pushed out of areas where they were raised in eastern Kentucky by older and more dominant male bears for mating season. These juveniles may wan-

der up to several weeks or more into unfamiliar territory in search of food, good habitat and prospective mates before instinctively returning to the mountains by the fall. Bears can travel 20 miles or more in a day if left undisturbed, and Kentucky bears have been suspected of traveling as far away as Missouri in recent years.

"This is the time of year when young male bears are usually spotted outside of their normal home range in the mountain counties of eastern Kentucky," said John Hast, Bear Program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "These young bears are just juveniles and are easily scared and confused causing them to wander into populated areas because they don't yet know any better. They may hide during the day and leave the area at night only to be reported being seen again a county or two away within

a couple of days. Residents should keep their distance, remove all food sources and let the bear move on when he feels safe to do so."

Black bears have a natural fear of people and dogs, and adverse encounters are extremely rare. Never approach or feed a bear and keep a safe distance away. If a bear is posing an immediate danger, a person should yell and wave their arms to look more threatening to scare him off or call local law enforcement immediately.

Residents of an area where a bear has been spotted should secure their garbage in a garage or other building, not leave pet food outside, and clean and securely store barbecue grills. These are all best practices in general for people to prevent problems with wildlife. Also, people should not use bird feeders in bear range or in areas where they have been recently observed. It is a violation of Kentucky law to feed bears or knowingly leave unsecured food available for them to consume.

The national website

BearWise.org was established to help people live responsibly with bears. This easily-remembered website offers information and solutions to help individuals and communities coexist with bears, whether bears are just visiting or are permanent neighbors.

"Learning a little more about black bears will help keep any encounter in perspective and can ease any fears a community may have," Hast said.

In Kentucky, hunting bears is regulated and limited to defined seasons in the established bear zones in eastern Kentucky to ensure a sustainable and healthy population.

For more information about black bears, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Black Bears webpage on its website at fw.ky.gov, or visit BearWise.org. Bear sightings may be reported to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at info.center@ky.gov, or at 1-800-858-1549, Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays.



NOTICE

The Trail 109, LLC with a mailing address of 129 East Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351, hereby declares its intention to apply for an NQ4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink license, a Quota Retail Drink license, and a Special Sunday Retail Drink license no later than June 26, 2026. The business to be licensed will be located at 109 North Wilson Avenue, Morehead, Kentucky 40351. The Trail 109, LLC is a Kentucky limited liability company, the sole member of which is Damon M. Ballinger, 129 East Main Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the approval of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within (30) days of the date of legal publication.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that John Beckett is filing an application with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a bridge at the location of 1633 Bluebank Rd. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502)564-3410.

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Property Transfers

May 29 – June 5, 2026

Troy Hammons and Patricia Jean Hammons, to Paul Brody Jay Waggoner and December Jane Waggoner, Lot 1 at Parkside Estates, \$157,000

Timothy L. Brown and Susan Vanessa Brown to Christopher Glover and Brianna Glover, tract on waters of Laurel Creek, \$40,000

Tyler Wilkin to Victoria Stamper, property in Rowan County, no monetary consideration

Christopher Glover and Brianna Glover to Stargazer Homes, Inc., tract on waters of Laurel Creek, \$75,000

Gary Marcum and Jama D. Marcum to Pailand Properties, LLC, property near Hwy 801, \$1

Timothy Fultz and Michael Howard Smith, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Johnnie M. Ellington, to Michael Howard Smith, Lot 27 of Hemlock Acres Subdivision, per terms of Last Will and Testament

Timothy Fultz and Michael Howard Smith, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Johnnie M. Ellington, to Timothy Fultz, parcel on KY 1274, per terms of Last Will and Testament

Jack R. Vernatter to Christina Vernatter, Lot 1 of Hillside View Estates, Phase II, quit claim

Alexander C. VanHoose and Karisa Hutchinson VanHoose to Elise Paige Collins and Mason Allen Collins, Lot 1 of the Summer Woods Subdivision on Stellar Night Lane, \$212,800

Mark Jarvis and Melanie Jarvis to Mark Jarvis, property address, 559 Whitaker St. Morehead, quit claim

Troy Poage and Lisa Poage, and Glenn Gam-

bel and Angela Gambel to Scott Flatt, Lot 116 of Lakeview Heights Subdivision, on Circle Drive, \$25,000

Evangeline Donahue to Gordon Clay Donahue, Lot 35-B, Pretty Valley Subdivision, Phase II, no monetary consideration

Garland D. Crose and Marlene Fay Crose to Marty Ray Crose and Michelle Crose, parcel on Oak Grove Road, no monetary consideration

Lanny Ray Baldrige and Candie Sue Baldrige to Lanny Ray Baldrige and Candie Sue Baldrige, property on Tower Road, no monetary consideration

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Jordan Kelley and Linnea Nicole Kelley to Dolene Knepp, Lot 39, Phase 2, Section 2, Morehead Estates Subdivision, \$215,000

William B. Strong and Lisa J. Strong, to Daniel Strong and Katlin Strong, two tracts on Elvira Street, Tolliver Addition to Morehead, no monetary consideration

Northfork Meadows, LLC, to Southfork General Management, LLC, property on Jackson Drive, no monetary consideration

Magnolia Estates, LLC, to SGP Development, LLC, tract on Ben Lowe Road, \$595,000

C. D. McClurg and Michelle McClurg to Olivia S. Gronlund, tract on KY 158 and waters of Bull Fork, \$215,000

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